

ANSWERS CRITICS OF THE U. S. NAVY

Chairman Padgett Tells of
Progress Made During the
Past Two Years.

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NO SHORTAGE OF POWDER

Says Target Practice Shows Gunners
Are More Proficient Than
Ever Before.

In answer to some of the criticism which has been directed toward the present status of the navy, as well as the naval projects authorized or provided for in the new naval appropriation act, Chairman Padgett of the House naval affairs committee has issued a statement giving in detail the condition of the naval establishment. Many vital elements of the navy, such as guns, powder, mines, shells and reserve ordnance are explained in detail by Chairman Padgett, who quotes Capt. J. S. McKean, U. S. N., with the words: "We have made more progress in the last two years than in any other five years in my experience."

Chairman Padgett says that the powder and shell furnished the fleet is the equal of any ammunition on earth—if not superior—and says the officers and men have complete confidence in it.

Guns as Good as Any.

"The guns are as good as any, and the mines and torpedoes operate in a satisfactory way," says Chairman Padgett, who says also that there is no powder shortage. There is powder enough for all the guns on all the ships, both in active service and reserve. The government powder plant at Indian Head, Md., has increased its output from 4,000,000 to 6,000,000 pounds a year.

"The shortage in torpedoes," says Chairman Padgett, "has been eliminated. The fact that there were torpedo tubes without torpedoes a few years ago created considerable stir in Congress. The enlargement of the torpedo plant at Newport has effected this, and operating economies have made it possible to produce torpedoes at about \$1,000 apiece less than heretofore."

\$13,720,000 for Shells.

"A large shortage of armor-piercing shells, which had existed for years, has been found," says the Padgett statement, "and the present naval appropriation bill authorizes the expenditure of \$13,720,000 for shells to supply a deficiency in reserve for the guns of the ships heretofore authorized, and also appropriate sufficient money to supply all shells needed for the new ships authorized for construction this year."

"When the present administration came into power," says the Padgett statement, "it was found there was no mining division of the fleet, and there was a totally inadequate supply of mines. A complete mining division has been organized and the Navy Department has obtained the right to manufacture mines of a successful foreign type in this country and is doing so at its own plant."

Better at Target Practice.

The statement dismisses briefly the criticism made in certain quarters against the efficiency of the fleet in target practice by quoting officers of the navy who have said the work of the navy is better than ever. A short paragraph is given to the recognition of the government armor-plate plant, authorized by the present naval appropriation act, and an expert of the advance in naval aeronautics contemplated by the Navy Department is given.

Chairman Padgett gives considerable attention to the War College. He says that Secretary Daniels has increased the activity of the War College and has consequently increased the efficiency of the navy. He also explains that reorganization in the Navy Department has promoted efficiency. In criticizing the organization of the department previous to the reorganization, Chairman Padgett says:

Reorganization of Department.

"When the present administration came into power it found an organization at the Navy Department that proved to be unworkable for the best efficiency of the navy, afloat and ashore. Mr. Meyer had for his advisers four aids, which he called the aid for operations, the aid for personnel, the aid for material and the aid for inspections. In addition, he had what he called director of navy yards. The duty of these four aids and the director of navy yards was such that in effect five additional bureaus were established and the routine work, together with the duplication of work, was greatly increased in the Navy Department. There was little or no co-operation between the aids, the general board, the War College and the various bureaus in the department. The industrial work in navy yards was supervised by line officers who were not educated in scientific shop management or industrial efficiency. Great extravagance resulted in the management of yards and greatly increased cost of productive work resulted. There was a total lack of initiative on the part of any officers or any organization in the Navy Department to pursue the higher questions of naval policy involved in the naval defense of the country."

Tired of Border Service.

Both Officers and Enlisted Men
Seek Release From Duty.

That service on the Mexican border under existing conditions is becoming irksome is indicated by the large number of applications received at the War Department from officers and enlisted men of the organized militia for relief from further service. Most of these applications are based on representations that the men are tired of the routine of military life on a peace basis and cannot afford the financial sacrifice involved in the neglect of private business. Applications come not only from enlisted men receiving small pay, but from large numbers of commissioned officers.

Some of the applications have been granted, as is shown by the fact that the President today accepted the resignations of twenty militia officers, to take effect at once.

EFFORTS TO BRING ART EXHIBIT TO WASHINGTON

Bill Now Pending in Congress Authorizes Use of the National Museum.

Persons interested in bringing to Washington an exhibition of American sculpture, said to be the greatest collection ever assembled, are hard at work at the Capitol in an effort to get a favorable report from the House committee on Library on the bill by Representative Pratt of New York. The measure authorizes the National Sculpture Society to hold the exhibition in the National Museum here, and artists interested in the exhibition have told congressmen that the permission of the museum has been obtained.

At present the works of art, including large and small pieces of statuary, medallions, etc., to the number of 800, are in Buffalo, where they have been exhibited at the Albright Gallery. The collection represents the work of the best American sculptors, showing that American sculpture can take rank with the best European artists.

Exhibit Unique in America.

It is said to be the first time such a collection of American art in marble has ever been brought together, and artists interested in the movement to bring it here hope to impress the Library committee and Congress generally that the opportunity of a century will be overlooked unless steps are soon taken to bring the exhibition to the National Capitol.

The cost of transporting the exhibition will be approximately \$10,000, which is the sum mentioned in the Pratt bill. This, it is said, represents the cost of bringing the exhibition here as a whole. It is estimated that \$30,000 will be needed for transportation if the exhibition in Buffalo closes and the individual pieces are scattered to their various home localities.

Equal to Those of Europe.

"In the first place it will let Americans know that American sculptors are as good as European sculptors, and it will show the officials of the government and members of Congress what wonderful things American art can produce. I understand that in addition to the 800 pieces now in the Albright galleries there will be 200 large pieces in addition if the exhibition is made here."

"Washington is the logical place for such an exhibition. The entire country will see it then. More people come here to see things than to any other city of the country."

Persons who are at work endeavoring to effect a favorable report on the bill have told members of the House that the \$10,000 mentioned in the bill is "nothing compared with the millions appropriated for defense."

They have said that when so much money is spent for defense it is only proper that a small appropriation should be made to show the country what is going to be defended.

BERLIN CHARGES FRANCE WITH TRENCH SLAUGHTER

"Nettoyeurs," With Revolver, Knife and Grenade, Accused of Killing All Germans Found.

BERLIN, August 26, by wireless to Sayville.—The charge that the French have an organized force whose duty it is to exterminate all the Germans found in captured trenches is made in a statement issued today by the Overseas News Agency, as follows:

"The French, some time ago, introduced a new fighting system which is the most cowardly and flagrant violation of the laws of war developed up to this time. Coincident reports confirm the fact, not known until now, that within companies special detachments have been formed with express orders to remain behind in captured trenches and exterminate all Germans yet alive."

"These troops are called 'nettoyeurs' (cleaners or sweepers). Their equipment is not the rifle, cartridge and bayonet of other soldiers, but the revolver, knife and hand grenade."

"When the French storming column succeeds in crossing a trench the 'nettoyeurs' enter and start the work of cleaning the trenches of all the living. Hand grenades are thrown in the dugouts, where there are often wounded men. Those who escape from the hand grenades are killed by revolver and knife when they attempt to come out. This terrible slaughter is continued from man to man. Every man, whether wounded or not, whether armed or not, is mercilessly stabbed or shot."

Commended for Rescuing Shipmate.

Secretary Daniels has commended Carl J. Halberg and William C. Chapman, ordinary seamen, on board the Castine, for rescuing a shipmate from drowning July 25 last in Santo Domingo. The man was stunned by his fall and notwithstanding the strong undertow and that the drowning man was being swept off toward a broken and confused sea over the bar, Halberg and Chapman jumped overboard and held him up until a boat came to their rescue.

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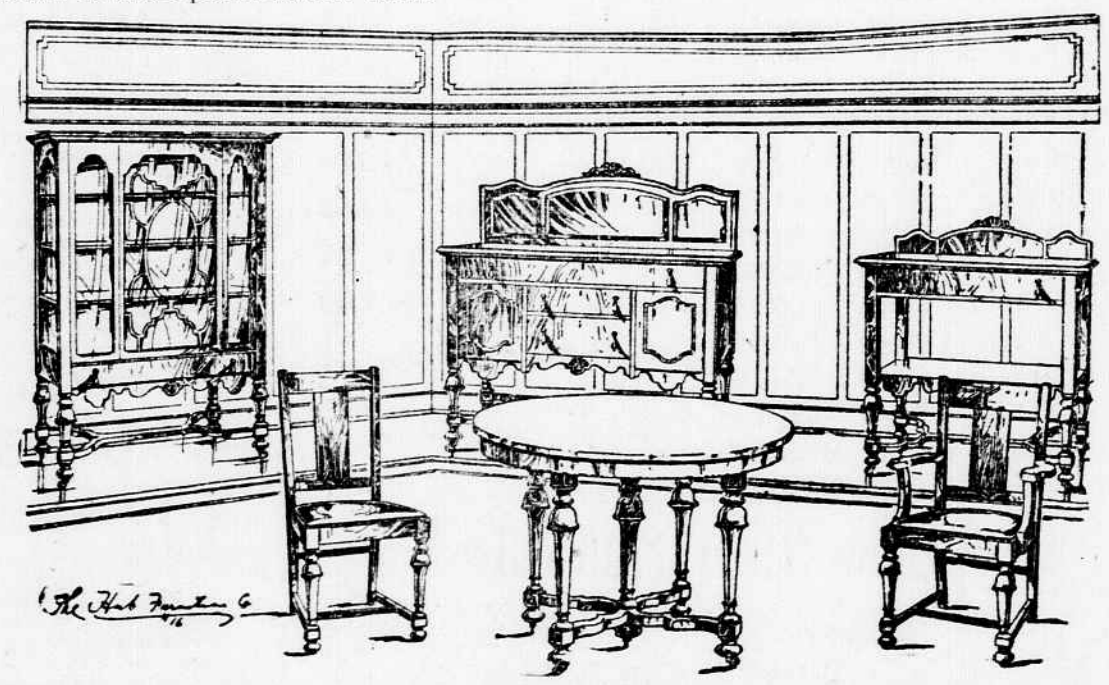
THE GREATER HUB inaugurates its annual September "Home-Makers" Sale this season under the most favorable conditions. Advance shipments of our enormous purchases of the finest furniture built in America are included in the sale. Sale prices throughout the stock reflect a purchasing power that vanquished all advances of a steadily rising market. All who are interested in making their homes attractive and comfortable should profit by the wonderful money-saving opportunities presented during this sale.

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This Complete Iron Bed Outfit

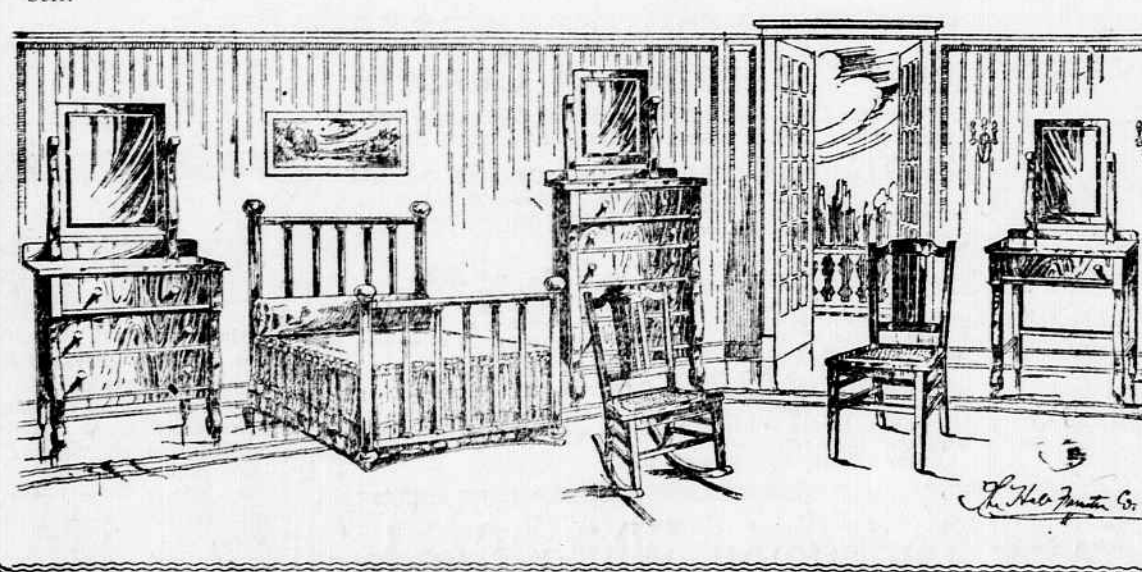
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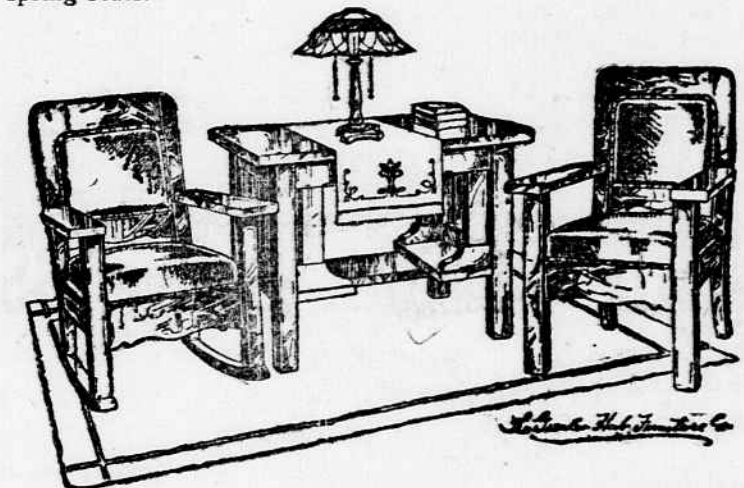
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FREE
This beautifully decorated 31-piece Dinner Set given absolutely Free during this sale with any cash or credit Furniture purchase amounting to \$25 or more.



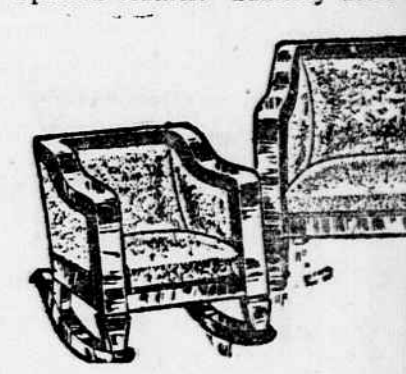
This 3-Piece "Den" Suite In Fumed Oak Upholstered in Brown Imitation Spanish Leather \$14.75

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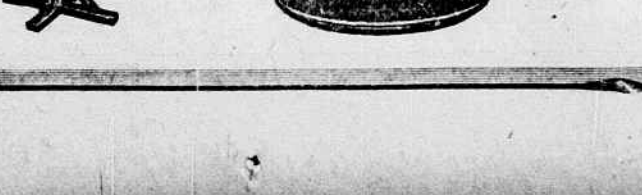
The Pathephone

It plays ALL, makes it gives the most natural, it has the sweetest. It uses a Genuine, wears out and does not s. It is made with an a richest, fullest manner. Its Pathe Pathephone. It has no steel needles.



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Black Enamel Regulation Kitchen Scale, with chains supporting heavy tin tray.